



NOTICE

New Hands-Free Wireless Telephone Law Effective July 1, 2008

Effective July 1, 2008, Senate Bill 1613 amends the California Vehicle Code section 23123 by **prohibiting the use of wireless phones while driving**. Your cooperation and compliance is appreciated. Violation of the law while driving a City vehicle may result in fines by a law enforcement officer and disciplinary action. Please refer to the following information to assist you with complying with the law.

Q: What does the new law cover?

- The new law prohibits all drivers from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone, unless that telephone is designed and configured to allow hands-free listening and talking operation.

Q: Must I use a Bluetooth earpiece to be compliant?

- While you are not required to use a Bluetooth earpiece to be compliant, you must use some type of telephone manufacturer's hands-free wired or wireless equipment. Only one earpiece can be worn while driving.

Q: Can I use my phone's speaker-phone function while driving?

- Yes. If equipped, the speaker phone feature included with your phone or vehicle is also compliant.

Q: Can I use my telephone in an emergency if I don't have a hands-free device?

- Yes. The law allows a driver to use a wireless telephone to make emergency calls to a law enforcement agency, a medical provider, the fire department, or other emergency services agency.

Q: Are the passengers in my vehicle affected by this law?

- No. The law only applies to the person driving the motor vehicle.

Q: Does the law apply to out-of-state drivers?

- Yes, regardless of whether their home state has a similar law or not.

Q: Can I use my phone's push-to-talk feature while driving?

- No. However, the law does provide an exception for those operating a commercial motor truck or truck tractor (excluding pickups), implements of husbandry, farm vehicle or tow truck.



For questions regarding your City-provided phone or selecting a Hands-free device, please contact Jerry Edwards at (310) 781-6969.